

MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

Clayton Snook and Robert Ray are up in Saline county, "looking around."

Wm. Brown of this city suffered a prostration from heat one day last week.

John Gatson has sold his poultry business in Vandalia to Herman Butts for \$1,600.

Carter Johnson of this city was one of the "timers" at the Marshall Fair last week.

J. M. Gilbert, for a number of years past a resident of California, has returned to Mexico to live.

A. Larsen, Mexico, attended the National Convention of Photographers last week, held at Dayton, Ohio.

The C. & A. R. R. has abolished the sale of round trip tickets in Missouri except to points where there is no agent.

The Audrain County Convention of the Christian Church will be held with Friendship church the third Sunday in August.

The gas plant building in Mexico was completed last week. It is a two story building and is constructed of cement blocks.

Harry Householder, northwest of Mexico, harvested 200 acres of wheat this season. The yield was 3,600 bushels. Pretty good for old Audrain county soil.

Vandalia Leader: Miss Kittie Dixon is in Mexico spending a couple of weeks in preparation for her first Communion in the Catholic church.

The County Court refused to renew saloon license for Rush Hill. It seems that there is a change of sentiment down there; the open drinking place is not so much favored.

Roy E. Cable, of the Mexico Electric Light Co., was in Brookfield last week studying the workings of the gas plant in that city. Mr. Cable was getting pointers for operating the Mexico gas plant.

Miss Frances Mason of this city received the degree of A. B. at the recent summer graduation of the Missouri University. Miss Mason will teach in Georgia thru the coming school year.

J. S. Asbury has traded his livery business in Mexico to E. M. Tinsley for a 160 acre farm near Auxvasse. Mr. Asbury moves to the farm at once. Sorry to lose him from our community. But we are glad to welcome Mr. Tinsley to our city.

W. L. Kent of this city owns 160 acres of the Butler Guthrie farm southeast of Mexico. Mr. Kent says that 135 acres of the place is in fruit trees. He says he will not have many apples this season but he'll have 'em next season, all right.

The Farber Forum mentions C. W. Pease, a former citizen of Farber, and says that he and family live in Mexico, "in one of the finest and most modern suburban homes of that city. They are living in comfort and getting the best out of life." The MESSAGE adds further, too, that Mr. Pease believes in good permanent roads and walks. He is the only farmer that we know of who wears a fine granitoid walk leading from his elegant residence to the front gate.

Mexico Savings Bank
Capital and Surplus, \$100,000.00

40th Year in Business

W. W. Fry, Pres.
W. J. Dotz, V. Pres.

MAD FARMERS.

A Mail Order House Gets Ahead of Them.

Tuesday found a lot of angry farmers in town who claimed they had been swindled by a mail order clothing house now doing business thru the country. The scheme, as such reputable citizens as M. B. Rogers, John F. Henry and others, told us, is for the mail order man to drive out to the farmer's house accompanied by some man the farmer knows and has confidence in. After claiming the merchants are robbing the people, the agent offers to sell three suits and a dress pattern for \$39.50, taking a note for that amount. Upon getting the note, the buyer is informed that he will have to buy the lining, which will cost but little and that he can buy it of the man who takes their measure for the suits or any home merchant. When the men came in Tuesday to be measured they found they must buy the lining of the mail order house or not have their goods made up. The cheapest lining shown them was \$4.50 per suit, little better than calico one of the men said to us, and the other grade, ordinary satteen at \$6.50 per suit. To show how the graft is worked, we call attention to Dennis Jennings' experience. He gave his note for \$39.50, and when his package came Tuesday from Chicago, on the box was marked C. O. D. \$19.50 for lining. In other words his three suits and dress pattern cost him \$59. A merchant in whose store we saw the lay out, told us that he was selling in his store three suits of similar quality, only better made, for \$20.25, or \$6.75 each, just 25 cents more than the mail order house charged for lining. Mr. Henry said that he felt like he ought to prosecute the outfit, but saw no way to do it. A number of other farmers said the same thing to us. It's too bad, but the farmers ought to learn to set the dogs on agents. Wise is the man who buys it at home; it is cheaper and better.

The above is from last week's Centralia Courier. It tells the story—except as to shoddy goods—of a certain farmer's experience out near Gant, this county. Said farmer came in to Mexico the other day and he brought with him a sample of goods he had bought as above, paying \$12 for his purchase. The goods was shoddy and easily pulled to pieces. He offered to sell the goods to one of our merchants, but the merchant said it was no good, it was not worth a cent, but he would give him \$5 for it as a curiosity. He got it, and the advertisement is very much against the mail order house.

The Price Too High.

An ex-druggist of Schuyler county, who sold whiskey almost openly for several years, says he paid the prosecuting attorney \$250 a year for several years, to avoid prosecution. The prosecutor then raised the price of immunity from \$250 to \$500 and he paid that amount for two years. The next year the price went up to \$750 and he quit business, as that was more than he could afford to pay. He has been out of business for several years.—Kirksville Graphic.

J. E. Strief of Jefferson, Texas, arrived in this city last week on a visit to relatives.

Oren Cornelius of Russellville, Ky., is visiting the family of Frank Parker here.

Mrs. J. W. Wilson of Fort Scott, Kansas, arrived in this city last week on a visit to relatives.

Text Books for Audrain County, Mo.

Official list of text-books adopted by the County School Text Book Commission of Audrain county, for exclusive use in the public schools of Audrain County for a period of five years from Aug. 7, 1907, except in such schools as may be exempt under the provision of section three of the act of the Forty-Fourth General Assembly of Missouri, relating to text-books.

Author	Title of Book	Publisher	Net Contract Price	Authorized Retail Price	Exchange Price
READING					
Cyr.	Primer	Ginn & Co.	18	21	24 14
"	1st Reader	"	21	26	28 17
"	2nd "	"	26	31	33 22
"	3rd "	"	31	36	38 27
"	4th "	"	36	41	43 32
"	5th "	"	41	46	48 37
ARITHMETIC					
Wentworth	New Elementary	Ginn & Co.	26	30	35 21
Milne	Standard	American Book Co.	49	57	63 39
GEOGRAPHY					
Redway and Hinman	Elementary	American Book Co.	45	52	60 36
"	Advanced	"	94	109	125 75
U. S. HISTORY					
Morris	Elementary	J. B. Lippincott Co.	42	48	56 28
Eggleston	New Century	American Book Co.	75	87	100 90
LANGUAGE AND GRAM.					
McClellan, Blaisdell and Morrow	Steps in English	American Book Co.	30	35	40 24
Reed & Kellogg	Book I	"	45	52	60 36
"	Book II	"	50	58	63 38
"	Higher Lessons in English	Charles E. Merrill Co.	15	18	20 12
Spelling					
Hult	Progressive	American Book Co.	15	18	20 12
Mayne	Modern Business Speller	Powers & Lyons	18	21	25 15
Writing					
Spencer	Practical Writing No's 1 to 7	American Book Co.	45	52	60 36
Physiology					
Coleman	Beginners	Macmillan Co.	30	35	40 24
"	Hygienic	"	38	44	50 30
Civil Government					
Rader	Civil Gov't and Mo. History	Hugh Stephens Pr. Co.	69	80	90 48
Agriculture					
Burkett, Stephens and Hill	Beginners	Ginn & Co.	56	65	75 45
Vocal Music					
Loomis	Progressive	American Book Co.	11	13	14 9
"	Book I	"	14	17	18 11
"	" 2	"	19	22	25 15
"	" 3	"	23	28	33 26
"	" 4	"	27	32	37 30
Dictionaries					
Webster	Common School	American Book Co.	54	63	72
"	High School	"	74	86	98
"	Academic	"	113	130	150
English					
Watkins	American	American Book Co.	27	32	35 21
Brooks	English	"	27	32	35 21
Lockwood and Emerson	Composition and Rhetoric	Ginn & Co.	80	92	100 90
Latin					
Collar and Daniel	First Year Latin	Ginn & Co.	80	92	100 90
Drawing					
Webb and Ware	Practical Drawing System	Woodward & Tiernan	15	19	20
"	Books I-IV	"	19	23	25
"	" V-VIII	"	19	23	25
Mathematics					
Milne	Elements of Algebra	American Book Co.	45	52	60 36
Phillips and Fisher	High School	American Book Co.	75	87	100 90
"	Elements of Geometry (abridged)	"	94	109	125 75
History					
Myers	General History (revised)	Ginn & Co.	130	151	169 90
"	Ancient	"	130	151	169 90
"	M. and M.	"	130	151	169 90
Science					
Tarr	New Physical Geography	Macmillan Co.	75	87	100 90
Carhart and Chute	High School Physics	Allyn & Bacon	100	115	125 75

* Per dozen

Address of Publishers

Ginn & Co., 378 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.; American Book Co., 521 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.; J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, Penn.; Charles E. Merrill & Co., New York, N. Y. Powers & Lyons, Chicago, Ill. The Macmillan Co., New York, Hugh Stephens Print. Co., Jefferson City, Mo. Allyn & Bacon, Chicago, Ill. Woodward & Tiernan Printing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

County Text Book Commission:

S. T. DAVIS, President.

J. W. ATKINS, Secretary.

J. L. SHOBE.

Suing the C. & A.

Edna Righter, Maud Dye and Rosa Allen, all of Rush Hill are suing the C. & A. R. R. for alleged damages for being put off a passenger train one stormy night last July, the conductor stopping to look around and the porter thinking the stop was at the station. But Rush Hill was yet a mile away. The ladies got back on the train and rode further up, when the train stopped again, yet some 300 yards from the station. They footed it on up to the platform when they found that their friends who were to meet them had gone and they were obliged to walk home, a mile distant, unaccompanied thru the mud and rain.

They are suing for \$3,000 each.

Mrs. Joseph Jones left last week for a visit at Harris Springs.

Mr. Shepherd Dead.

J. C. Shepherd of Mexico died at the State Hospital in Fulton last Thursday. The remains were shipped home and funeral was held at the residence Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. W. Kokendoffer. The wife survives him, besides a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Wilson of Martinsburg, and a son, Clay Shepherd, of Louisiana.

The pallbearers were: J. D. Morris, J. D. Miller, T. J. Kelso, J. M. Kelso, and Fred Brandt.

Miss Frances Crockett is at Excelsior Springs.

Miss Eliza Gibbs is visiting friends in Monroe county.

George Conkley took charge of Central school, northwest of Mexico, last Monday.

G. W. Day, north of Laddonia, lost his fine \$3,000 residence by fire one day last week. Fire caught from a spark in the shingles of the roof. Only part of the contents of the building saved. Building insured for \$1,200. Mr. Day formerly lived in Mexico and is well remembered by many of our citizens.

Mr. Sidney James, formerly of Mexico, son of ex-Sheriff Quincy James of this county, was married this week to Miss Katherine Buckley of Encinal, Texas, where Mr. James is located. Sid, accept our congratulations and best wishes.

N. E. Hodge and little son Forest, of Saline county, visited relatives in Audrain last week. Mr. Hodge pushes up the date on subscription for the MESSAGE to March 29, 1909.

LID LIFTERS.

Get a Big Dose of Law Enforcement.

Judge Evans, chairman of the Democratic State committee, knows how to get at law enforcement. The following article is from the Howell Co. Gazette; it shows how he goes about it and how he makes it work:

Bootleggers and gamblers were severely dealt with in the Oregon county circuit court at Alton last week. There were 125 gambling cases and over thirty cases of violating the local option law and in almost every case a plea of guilty was entered and the penitent violator of the law accepted the nominal fine that was assessed against him.

The fines in the liquor cases amounted to \$10,050; for gambling \$1,700; keeping and operating gambling houses, \$800, and one case of running a bawdy house \$300. The greater portion of these fines were remitted, providing the convicted persons pay the costs. Some jail sentences were suspended pending good behavior.

T. V. Marshall, who was convicted on seventeen counts and fined \$5,400 and sentenced to 900 days in jail made a settlement by paying \$700 and all costs in the cases, and sentence was suspended as to the remainder, providing he conducts himself properly in the future, abstains from selling liquor and does not gamble. Wm. Booker, Jas. Heigowood, J. O. Kimbrough and Andrew Self pleaded guilty to selling liquor in violation to the local option law. Some of them are country merchants who had been selling "bitters" bought from wholesale houses, who informed them that the sale of the goods was no violation of law. Ann Tracy, a negro woman, pleaded guilty to conducting a bawdy house at Spring City, and was fined \$200, being paroled upon payment of \$25 and costs.

Ash Hufstедder, a barber of Thayer, had been selling liquor at that place for some time in violation of the local option law. There were four cases against him and he pleaded guilty.

"I shall fine you just \$2100 for violating the local option law and for gambling, and in addition shall sentence you to seven months in jail," Judge Evans told Hufstедder. "But I'll let you off with thirty days in jail. That will be as good as the Keeley cure, for I shall instruct the sheriff that he must not let you get whisky under any circumstances." But Hufstедder did not get to take Judge Evans' Keeley cure. His brother in law, J. W. Sloan, came forward and said Hufstедder had a family to support and they could not spare him, and then gave bond for the payment of a part of the fine and costs.

Keepers of gambling houses and poker players also got theirs. It is estimated that the fees of the prosecuting attorney, J. B. Brooks, amounted to \$570 in one week. One of the thrilling scenes during the court week was the burning of the gambling outfit of "Poker Dick, a well known gambler, whose home at Spring City had been raided and the chips, cards and other paraphernalia seized. Judge Evans ordered it burned by the sheriff.

The Oregon county authorities are determined to put on the lid. With this in view Bud McCameron has been appointed a special deputy to patrol the state line near Spring City and arrest all violators of the law.

R. T. Davis, son of Prof. S. T. Davis, is night clerk at the Ringo Hotel in this city.